

Gender-sensitive Communication

Key principles for inclusive language use

You should aim to follow these principles if you wish to make your language inclusive and transformative:

- Recognise and challenge stereotypes.
- Be inclusive and avoid omission and making others invisible.
- Be respectful and avoid trivialisation and subordination.

If you succeed in following these principles you are well on your way to becoming a user of gendersensitive language and you should find yourself naturally following the rest of the guidance in this toolkit.

We consider these principles throughout the Challenges section.

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